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¶1. (U) Mission received on February 20, a letter (under cover of Note Verbale) from Foreign Minister Diaconescu addressed to the Secretary indicating Romania's acceptance of the NATO Accession Protocols for Albania and Croatia (text copied below). Mission will pouch the original document to L/T Francis Holleran Mission understands that the MFA has also sent this document to its Embassy.

¶2. (U) Begin text:

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Dear Madam Secretary,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, pursuant to Article II of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and Article II of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of Croatia, Romania ratified the mentioned Protocols.

Therefore, by completing the internal procedures to that end, Romania accepts thereof the two mentioned Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and of the Republic of Croatia respectively.

Romania, as you know, has been a strong supporter of Croatia and Albania joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and, by notifying the acceptance of the two Protocols, Romania wishes to express, once again, its support for the path the two countries have taken towards peace and security.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Cristian Diaconescu

(MFA stamped)

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State

End text.
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